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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As I prepare to leave office, I'd like to reflect back. Our organization is in much better financial condition after two successful shows in Greensboro. We're looking forward to another good show this September.

The NCNA exists because of a few people are willing to give their personal time. Two of these folks are leaving us. Bob Hoadley is moving across country. Autence Baso has health problems. They have served us for years. I wish Bob well in Arizona and hope that Autence regains her health soon.

Permit me to thank those who have made my tenure easy. Russ Southworth as Secretary-Treasurer, Ted Hendrick and Cy Dellinger who make the convention happen, and Halbert Carmichael as Journal Editor and Steve Martin who obtained most of the ads now in the Journal.

Another individual has contributed greatly over many years. Dot Hendrick serves without office or direction. She does what needs doing at the convention. Any recognition we give these fine people if far less than they deserve. But I appreciate their efforts. If you see then tell them that you do also.

Then NCNA gives a small salary to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Journal Editor. It isn't nearly enough to compensate for the work. It's more of a token thanks. We aslo allocate a small sum to reimburse expenses for the convention chairman and a very small amount for the President's expenses. No one gets travel reimbursement, free meals, free drinks, free motel rooms, or anything else. But we still have a few dedicated members who will serve. And we need more. If you can help in any way please let us know.

Thanks to all, and good luck to the new officers!.

See you in Greensboro.

Will Jordan, President

NCNA ELECTION

Candidates for NCNA Offices

You should be receiving you mail ballot at about the same time that you get this issue of the Journal. Below are brief biographies of the candidates in this year's election. Vote early and vote often.

For President:

Halbert Carmichael: Raleigh, Past President and currently Director and Bourse Chairman for Raleigh Coin Club. Editor of NCNA Journal since 1982. Member ANA, FUN, MANA, TSNS, IBNS. Member and ceritfied judge for ANA.

For First Vice President:

Robert Schreiner: Chapel Hill. Past President of Raleigh Coin Club. Director of NCNA. Exhibit Chairman for NCNA and BRNA. Member: ANA, SPMC, BRNA. Specializes in chop marked coins and obsolete currency showing Spanish American coins.

For Second Vice President:

Forrest Michael: Lexington, NCNA LM#1, Member ANA, MANA, BRNA, SCNA and several local clubs. Has served as director, 2nd, and 1st Vice and President of NCNA. Chaired several coin shows and is auctioneer for four monthly coin clubs. Main interest is copper cents and type coins. His wife, Tessie, has been a familiar face at registration desks of local and state shows.

For Secretary-Treasurer

Russ Southworth: Greensboro. Life member of NCNA and Secretary-Treasurer for 23 years. Long time member of Greensboro and Winston-Salem Coin Clubs, past President of Greensboro Coin Club; exhibitor at local, state, regional, and national levels. Recieved Numismatic Ambassador award from Krause Publications. First NCNA Numismatist of the Year. Specialty is Pilgrim/Mayflower commemorative medals. Retired financial analyst from Jefferson-Pilot Life Insurance Company.

For Director (Vote for three)

Greg Cheek, Walkertown, Collector since he was 10 yrs old. Now specializing in Bust Halves. Director of NCNA. Member John Reich Coin Club and Bust Half Nut Club. Vice President and Bourse Chairman for Winston-Salem Coin Club. Systems programmer for Sara Lee Corporation.

Barry CiocIola: Durham, Coin Collector since 1961. Member NCNA, FUN, BRNA, MANA, MSNA, SCNA, GNA. Specializes in seated liberty coins, U. S. currency and silver dollars. Grader for Accugrade 1986-7. Full time coin dealer since 1974. Chairman and Promoter for Durham and Burlington Coin Shows.

Paul J. Greene: Greensboro, Life member ANA. Past President of Greensboro Coin Club and NCNA. NCNA Numismatist of the year 1992. Bourse Chairman for Greensboro Coin Club. Appraiser and qualified expert witness for numismatic coins, precious metals and silver flatware. Owner and operator of A Silver Shop.

Ted Hendrick, Raleigh, Director and Director of Conventions for NCNA. Honorary Life Member of NCNA. Past president of MANA, BRNA, Charlotte Coin Club. Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador. Operates Coin-Co and Carolina Coin and Stamp Conventions.

James W. Jackson, Jr: Greensboro, Charter member , Life Member #6, and Past President of NCNA. Served 22 consectutive years on NCNA board. Former Director of MANA. Has attended many coin shows each year for more than 50 years. Owner of Jackson Coin Co.

Vince Wheeler: High Point, President of Greensboro Coin Club, NCNA member since 1981 and Publicity Chairman for last two NCNA Conventions. Sunday editor and assistant editorial page editor of *High Point Enterprise*.

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THE WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLAR

by Jason Siders

The Walking Liberty half dollar is considered by many coin collectors to be one of the most beautiful coins ever struck by the United States mint. It is so beautiful, in fact, that its obverse design is even used today on the Silver Eagle bullion dollars. Its beauty, however, is not only in its design, but also in its symbolism of a growing and prosperous America. It shows America's values and commitments not only to itself, but also to other countries of the world.

Adolph Alexander Weinman, designer of the Walking Liberty half dollars as well as the Winged Liberty Head dime, was born December 11, 1870, to Katharina and Gustave Weingaertner in Karlsruhe, Germany. Weinman left Germany in 1880, at the age of ten, to live with relatives in America. When he was fifteen, he served an apprenticeship with an artisan named Frederick Kaldenberg. At the age of twenty-five, Weinman studied in the studio of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, designer of the famous eagle and double eagle of 1907. Up until 1916, Weinman made his living by designing medals for various events. In 1916, he finally gained the fame and respect he deserved when he was chosen as the winner to design the dime and half dollar in a national coin design contest. Sadly, though, Weinman died in 1952 in Portchester, New York at the age of eighty-two.

A public outcry for new coinage designs helped to make the Walking Liberty half possible. Prior to 1916, the dime, quarter, and half dollar carried the design of Charles E. Barber, who was chief engraver of the U.S. Mint at the time. Having the same design on the dime, quarter, and half dollar had been an implied tradition ever since the beginning of the mint. This tradition was changed, though, by a national design contest in 1916 for the dime, quarter, and half dollar. Herman MacNeil won the chance to design the quarter. When released,

the dime and half dollar were well accepted by the public. Weinman had succeeded in giving the public what it wanted to see in America's coins.

What Weinman gave the public in the half dollar was a magnificent design that showed America in all of its glory. The obverse is truly a symbol of America's peace and friendship. This is shown through several types of symbolism in the design. A full figure of Miss Liberty is shown wearing a U.S. flag flowing freely in the wind as she strides forward toward the rising sun of a new and promising day. Her right arm is extended toward the east as if she is offering friendship and help to war-torn Europe. In her left arm she is carrying branches of oak (symbolic of strength) and laurel (symbolic of glory and honor). Upon her head is a liberty cap that shows that everyone has the right to freedom of thought and knowledge. Even the sandals on her feet symbolize the fact that all people have the right to be free. The reverse, however, is strongly symbolic of a proud and powerful America that is ready to defend itself against all enemies of liberty. It depicts a mighty eagle perched high on a mountain side guarding its domain. Its left leg clutches the side of the mountain while the right leg holds a young pine sapling, symbolizing a constant protection over a young and growing America. The obverse truly shows its message of peace and friendship while the message of the reverse suggests a proud nation ready to defend itself.

The Walking Liberty half dollar was minted from 1916 through 1947 and was struck at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. The mint marks are "D" for Denver, "S" for San Francisco, and no mint mark for Philadelphia. In the 1916, the mint mark appeared on the obverse under the motto "In God We Trust" and for a brief time in 1917. Later in 1917, the mint mark was moved to the reverse just below the pine sapling. Weinman's monogram AAW appears on the reverse just

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below the eagle's wing tip. The Walking Liberty half has a weight of 12.50 grams, a composition of .900 silver and .100 copper, a diameter of 30.6 mm, a reeded edge, and contains .36169 oz. of pure silver.

Walking Liberty halves are most widely collect by date and mint mark. However, some of these dates can be quite challenging. The 1921 issues are most difficult to obtain with the 1921-D being the key date. Its mintage was only 208,00 pieces. Eight other issues also have mintages less than one million pieces each. These are 1916, 1916-S, 1917-D (obverse), 1917-S (obverse), 1919, 1921, 1921-S, and 1938-D. Although Walking Liberty halves were issued in proof sets from 1936 through 1942, they are not widely collected because they are usually quite high in price and are regarded as necessary for a complete set.

The Walking Liberty half dollar is truly a classic in American coinage. The beauty in its design brings out all of its theses and symbolisms. It shows America as our Founding Father wanted it to be. The values of liberty, freedom, and new life are clearly pointed out by its symbolic elements. It also shows America's desire to grow and prosper as well as its willingness to help all countries that seek it aid. Indeed, the Walking Liberty half shows that everyone has the natural right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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Bourse Opens (to dealers with tables and exhibitors)	6:00 PM
Bourse Closes	9:00 PM
Friday, September 26, 1998	
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Show Opens to public	10:00 AM
Bourse Closes	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 27, 1998	
Bourse Opens (to dealers)	8:00 AM
General Membership Meeting	2:00 PM
Bourse Closes	6:00 PM
Reception	6:15 PM
Awards Presentation	7:00 PM
Installation of Officers	7:30 PM
Sunday, September 28, 1998	
Bourse Opens	10:00 AM
Bourse Closes	5:00 PM

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12-14 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

12-14 Paper Money Show, Days Inn Conv Center, Central Ave, Knoxville TN, Paul Garland, 1919 Rosemont Cir

20-21 Virginia Numismatic Assoc., Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean VA, Kieth Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale VA 22003

26-28 North Carolina Numismatic Assn., Village Green, Meadowview, Greensboro NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Rialeigh NC 27605

OCT 1997

4-5 Wilmington Philatelic Soc, Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington NC, Al Muoio, 12 Merrimac Dr., Wilmington NC 28412

11-12 Piedmont Triad Coin & Stamp show, Am. Legion Hall, Creek 'Ridge Rd, Greensboro NC, Linda Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404

17-19 Tennessee State Numsimatic Asso, Days Inn, I-75, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, 910-766-5963

31- 1 Nov South Carolina Numismatic Assoc., Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn. Rd., Greenville Sc, Don Mc Alister, 2207 West Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

NOV 1997

1-2 Triangle Collectibles, Doubletree Inn, Durham NC, Barry Ciociola, 5111 Russel Rd., Durham NC 27712

8-9 Salem Coin Club, American Legion Bldg, Salem VA, Emmett Yonce, 540-992-5331

14-16 Suburban Washington, Convention Center, Baltimore MD, Ed Kuszmar, Box 4949, Boca Raton FL 33429

15-16 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Holzhouser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

DEC 1997

6-7 Triangle Collectibles, Ramada Inn, Burlington NC, Barry Ciociola, 5111 Russel Rd., Durham NC 27712

11-14 Crab State Coin & Stamp Show, Ramada Hotel, New Carrolton MD, Paul Singleton, 703-281-7053

JAN 1998

7-11 Florica United Numismatists, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL, Cindy Grellman, 407-321-8747

FEB 1998

20-22 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Jerry Sajbel, 803-547-1994

27-1 Mar Greenville Coin Club, Roper Mtn Inn, Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 864-246-2685

MAR 1998

13-15 Carolina Coin & Stame Show, Holshouser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick, 919-828-9450

13-15 Suburban Washington, Convention Center, Baltimore MD, Ed Kszmar, Box 4949, Boca Raton FL 33429

13-15 Tennessee State Numismatic Assn, , Terry Hess, 910-766-5963

10-21 American Numismatic Association, Cincinnati Convention Center, Cincinnati OH, ANA Conventerion Services, 719-632-2646

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4-7 Parker Coin Club, Roper Mtn Inn, Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 864-246-2685

11-14 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, 919-828-9450

19-21 Memphis International Paper Money Show, Cook Convention Center, Memphis TN, Mike Crabbe, 901-754-6118

26-28 Raleigh Coin Club, Kerr Scott Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carimichael, Box 5625, Raoleigh NC 27650

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20-23 Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn, NW Georgia Trade Center, Dalton GA, ,

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10-13 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, 919-828-9450

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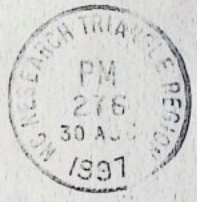

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